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Homicide Investigation

The Birmingham Police Department reports that detectives are conducting a homicide investigation. The incident occurred Friday, February 27, 2015 in the 900 Block of Washington Avenue.

The identity of the victim will be released upon notification of immediate family.

On Friday, February 27, 2015 around 6:15pm, officers from the West Precinct responded to the 900 block of Washington Avenue on a call that a person was shot. The initial investigation by patrol officers revealed that the victim was taken to Baptist Princeton Hospital with a life threatening injury. Two other victims were transported to UAB Hospital with gunshots to the body. The 14 year old female victim died from her injuries at Princeton Hospital.

Our preliminary investigation revealed that the incident started three weeks earlier with several girls quarrelling with each other on Facebook, Apparently, several of the girls including the victim agreed to meet at a local park and fight. After arriving at the park, the girls began to fight and all of a sudden two teenage male suspects pulled out their guns and started shooting at the girls. It is believed that one of the suspects was dating one of the girls that were fighting the victim. Officers took two suspects into custody that were identified by witnesses as being the shooters. Additional information will be released as it becomes available. Detectives are investigating the death as a homicide.

If there is anyone who has information pertaining to the case, they are encouraged to contact the B.P.D. Homicide Unit @ 254-1764 or Crime Stoppers @ 254-7777.